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SUBJ: PROSPECTS FOR 1973 SORGHUM AND MILLET CROPS

1. 1973 AGRICULTURAL SEASON STARTED LATE AND BADLY. SORGHUM PLANTINGS APPEAR GENERALLY GOOD, BUT WILL NEED RAIN THROUGH SEPT FOR NORMAL YIELDS. MILLET PLANTINGS WERE TOO LATE AND CANNOT BE EXPECTED APPROACH NORMAL YIELDS, SINCE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY RAINFALL WOULD LAST LONG ENOUGH IN NORTHERN AREAS.

2. UPPER VOLTA IS ROUGHLY DIVIDED FROM EAST TO WEST BY LINE JUST NORTH OF OUAGA INTO SAHEL AND SEMI-SAHEL REGIONS TO NORTH, WHERE MILLET IS MAIN CROP, AND SAVANNA REGION TO SOUTH WHERE SORGHUM, WHICH REQUIRES MORE MOISTURE, IS MAIN CROP.

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3. LATENESS, SPORADICITY AND INSUFFICIENCY OF JUNE
AND EARLY JULY RAINS, EVIDENT IN BOTH SORGHUM AND
MILLET REGIONS, CAUSED LOSS OF SEVERAL PLANTINGS. THE
NORTHERN MILLET-GROWING REGION MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED.
SOURCES OF CROP ESTIMATES MAKE CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS
RANGING FROM OPTIMISTIC TO PESSIMISTIC. MOST AGREE
THAT THE MILLET CROP WILL BE FAR BELOW NORMAL, AND THAT
NORMAL SORGHUM HARVEST CAN BE EXPECTED ONLY IF RAINS
PERSIST THROUGH SEPT.BULLEN

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